

1 the jury trials to the criminal defendant, at the same time  
2 it recognizes the public has an interest in the enforcement  
3 of the law and enables the General Assembly to adjust the  
4 procedure to fit the particular crime, and to adjust the  
5 procedure in accordance with the administration of justice  
6 as it deems proper.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Any other Delegate desire to speak  
8 in opposition?

9 Delegate Child.

10 DELEGATE CHILD: Mr. Chairman, Delegate Wiedemeyer  
11 and I were the Subcommittee which considered this matter.

12 We had two questions to decide: One, should  
13 there be a jury of less than 12.

14 We considered this, that in a criminal case,  
15 although the crime might seem to the public to be a very  
16 minor crime, to the individual who is being tried for that  
17 crime, it frequently means his whole career. If he has a  
18 criminal blot, conviction against him, he is barred from  
19 employment, he is barred from enlistment, frequently in the  
20 Armed Services, it is like a brand on his forehead and for  
21 that reason mainly, and from our research of the States